



# 2016 JUNE CALENDAR

## WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION

**Park Interpreter:** Brittany **Park Phone Number:** 978-464-2987 **Web:** [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr)

**Visitor Center located at: 345 Mountain Road, Princeton, MA 01541**

All programs are free and open to the public, however there is a \$5 fee to drive to the summit (\$6 for non-MA vehicles.)

Reasonable accommodations available upon request. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

*Outdoor programs will not run (or may be held in the Visitor Center) if there is heavy rain or thunderstorms. Minimum 2 attendees for programs to run. Check program description for meeting location. Programs subject to change. Call park for more information.*

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8 Walk A Lot Here BEGINNERS 6:00 – 8:00pm	9	10	11 <b>Weekend Summit Series:</b> <b>Wild! Life on the Mountain</b> 10:00 – 10:45am  <b>The Forest Before Us</b> 11:00 – 11:45am  <b>Great Hill Detectives</b> 12:00 – 12:45pm
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## VISITOR CENTER AND SUMMIT PARKWAY

<b>Visitor Center Hours</b>  <b>Opens daily at 8:00am</b> <b>Closes at 5:00pm</b> <i>(Please note: closing times may vary.)</i>	<p>The Visitor Center highlights the story of Wachusett Mountain through exhibits focused on natural history and features of the mountain.</p> <p>A limited number of Discovery Backpacks are available to borrow while you visit the park. These contain fun and educational items to help families with children discover nature while hiking. Inquire at the Information Desk when you arrive if interested.</p> <p>The Visitor Center is wheelchair accessible. Free admission. Guided tours are available for groups with advance notice.</p>
<b>Summit Parkway</b>	<p>The road to top of the mountain is open daily (through October 30) from 9:00am to sunset. There is a \$5 fee to access the road to the summit (\$6 for non-Massachusetts vehicles).</p>

# PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

<p><b>Walk A Lot Here: Beginners</b></p> <p><i>(A fitness hiking program.)</i></p>	<p>If you're new to hiking or want to explore the different trails of Wachusett Mountain as part of a guided group, this program may be for you! Guided by the Park Interpreter, the program introduces beginners to the joy of hiking. A different route is explored each week, and some hikes are more strenuous than others. You will have the chance to experience the challenge of steep terrain and rocky trails or the ease of gentler slopes and unpaved roads, depending on our route. Most routes involve walking over rocks and roots as well as going uphill, occasionally steeply. Hikes are approximately 1½ hours and cover 2 to 3 miles, depending on terrain. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes, and bring water. Bring insect repellent if you choose. <i>This program is for adults.</i> <b>Meet at the Visitor Center. From the Visitor Center we will travel in our individual vehicles to the trailhead for that day's hike. Hike routes will vary. Call for information and weather cancellations.</b></p>
<p><b>KIDleidoscope</b></p> <p><i>(An indoor/ outdoor activity for young children.)</i></p>	<p>Join us for this fun, hands-on, outdoor experience for children 3 – 6 years of age. Siblings are always welcome! You'll hear a story, participate in an activity, and make a craft to take home with you. This program is designed to help young children understand the natural world around them. <b>Parent/adult guardian must accompany all children. This program takes place at the Visitor Center.</b></p>
<p><b><u>Weekend Summit Series</u></b></p> <p><i>(A series of outdoor talks on the mountaintop.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i><b>The Forest Before Us</b></i></li> <li>• <i><b>Wild! Life on the Mountain</b></i></li> <li>• <i><b>A "Peak" Back in</b></i></li> </ul>	<p>Join the Park Interpreter for our <b>Weekend Summit Series</b>. Several different nature and history topics are explored every weekend. All of the following talks take place at the summit next to the fire tower and are 30 to 45 minutes long. <b>All children must be accompanied by a parent/ adult guardian. The programs are free, but there is a \$5.00 fee to drive on the Auto Road to the summit (\$6.00 for non-Massachusetts vehicles).</b></p> <p><b>The Weekend Summit Series does not involve hiking.</b></p> <p><b>Wheelchair accessible.</b></p> <p><b><u>The Forest Before Us:</u></b> Can't see the forest for the trees? We can help. Join us as we talk about forest growth from meadow to maturity, with a special focus on the unique old growth forests of Wachusett Mountain.</p> <p><b><u>Wild! Life on the Mountain:</u></b> Predator... or prey? Discover the fascinating lives of the "locals" as we talk about wildlife habitats, competition, and survival on Wachusett Mountain.</p>

<p><i>Time</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>A Mountain's Rocky Story</i></li><li>• <i>Great Hill Detectives</i></li></ul>	<p><b><u>A “Peak” Back in Time:</u></b> Join us as we journey through time to Wachusett Mountain’s past. We’ll explore the captivating history of the Summit House, the Civilian Conservation Corps, and so much more.</p> <p><b><u>A Mountain’s Rocky Story:</u></b> Ever wonder how mountains are made? We’ll learn about the geological processes that have shaped Wachusett Mountain and the forces that continue to change it.</p> <p><b><u>Great Hill Detectives:</u></b> Investigate the mysteries of the mountain as we unwrap pieces of history and learn about their significance. Discover the secrets of “The Great Hill” we know as Wachusett Mountain. Drop in for a few minutes or stay for the whole program... it’s up to you!</p>
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